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**UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL**  
**(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))**

Docket No. : 51605/CM/P723  
Inventor(s) : Michael T. Roberts And Mark T. Noel  
Title : TUBE CONNECTOR  
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January 15, 2004

1.  X  **FEE TRANSMITTAL FORM** *(Submit an original, and a duplicate for fee processing).*

2. **IF A CONTINUING APPLICATION**

X  This application is a Continuation-In-Part of patent application No. 10/269,753.

Prior application information: Examiner David Bochna; Group Art Unit: 3679.

X  This application claims the benefit of Provisional Application No. 60/328,219 pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §119(e) and 37 CFR §1.78(a)(4).

3. **APPLICATION COMPRISED OF**

**Specification**

22  Specification, claims and Abstract (total pages)

**Drawings**

9  Sheets of formal drawing(s) (FIGS. 1 to 12)

**Declaration and Power of Attorney**

X  Newly executed  
      Unexecuted declaration  
      Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63(d))(for continuation and divisional)

4.       **Microfiche Computer Program** *(Appendix)*

5.       **Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission** *(if applicable, all necessary)*  
      Computer Readable Copy  
      Paper Copy (identical to computer copy)  
      Statement verifying identity of above copies

6. **APPLICANT(S) STATUS UNDER 37 CFR §1.27**

X  Applicant(s) and any others associated with it/them under §1.27(a) are a SMALL ENTITY

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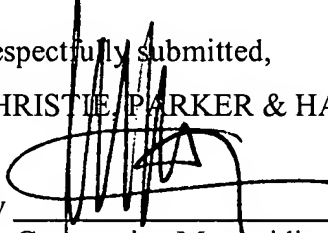
**7. ALSO ENCLOSED ARE**

- ☐ Request and Certificate under 35 U.S.C. §122(b)(2)(B)(i) **Request for Non-Publication**
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☐ Includes "Cross-Reference to Related Applications"
- ☐ A Petition for Extension of Time for the parent application and the required fee are enclosed
- ☒ An Assignment of the invention with the Recordation Cover Sheet and the recordation fee are enclosed
- ☐ This application is owned by pursuant to an Assignment recorded at Reel , Frame
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO/SB/08A/B
- ☐ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Certified copy of Priority Document(s) (*if foreign priority is claimed*)
- ☐ English Translation Document (*if applicable*)
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503) (should be specifically itemized).
- ☐ Other:

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**FEE DETERMINATION**

| CLAIMS AS FILED                               |                 |                 |                         |                         |          |
|---|-----------------|-----------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|----------|
|   | NUMBER<br>FILED | NUMBER<br>EXTRA | SMALL<br>ENTITY<br>RATE | LARGE<br>ENTITY<br>RATE | FEE      |
| TOTAL CLAIMS                                  | 58 - 20         | = 38            | 38 x \$9.00             | x \$18.00               | \$342.00 |
| INDEPENDENT<br>CLAIMS                         | 5 - 3           | = 2             | 2 x \$43.00             | x \$86.00               | \$86.00  |
| MULTIPLE-DEPENDENT CLAIMS FEE                 |                 |                 | \$145.00                | \$290.00                | \$0.00   |
| BASIC FEE                                     |                 |                 | \$385.00                | \$770.00                | \$385.00 |
| TOTAL FILING FEE                              |                 |                 |                         |                         | \$813.00 |
| List Independent Claims: 1, 28, 40, 47 and 56 |                 |                 |                         |                         |          |

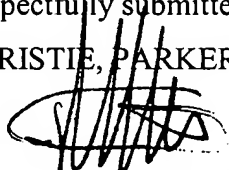
**METHOD OF PAYMENT**

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X The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the **entire pendency** of the application to Deposit Account No. 03-1728. Please show our docket number with any charge or credit to our Deposit Account. **A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.**

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